

## Talbot County Short-Term Rental Review Board Final Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Community Center, Wye Oak Room 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, Maryland

## Attendance:

9 Commission Members:

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- 11 Scott Kane, Chairman
- 12 David McQuay, Vice Chairman
- 13 John "Jack" Hall
- 14 Martha Suss
- 15 Tammy Broll

18 <u>Staff:</u>

- 19 Mike Duell, Chief Code Compliance Officer
- 20 Mary O'Donnell, Assistant County Attorney
- 21 Miguel Salinas, Assistant Planning Officer
- 22 Elisa Deflaux, Environmental Planner
- 23 Chris Corkell, Recording Secretary

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1. Call to Order - The Chair called the meeting to order on December 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Kane opened the meeting.

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2. Administrative Matters – The Board discussed Tammy Broll's term ending to serve on the Short Term Rental Board. Mr. Salinas and Ms. O'Donnell explained how to apply for the Board position that would need to be filled.

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Mr. Kane asked to entertain a motion for Ms. Broll's service in appreciation and timeless devotion for the many meetings and her participation. Mr. Hall made the motion and Ms. Suss seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Kane spoke about the past workshops and that the Council will have a work session on December 18, 2019 with the Board.

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Mr. Salinas explained that Bill No. 1434, approved by the County Council on September 24, 2019, allows provisional licenses for a group of STR applicants that meet certain criteria. The Bill became effective on November 23, 2019. The legislation allows for applicants who previously held a valid STR license and who are diligently pursuing a new or renewal license to operate under a provisional license permit, which is valid until a decision by the approving authority is made on the application or March 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

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3. Minutes - Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes after corrections for October 17, 2019, seconded by Mr. McQuay. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mrs. Suss made a motion to approve the minutes for October 31, 2019, seconded by Mr. Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

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4. Old Business - None.

## 5. New Business -

a. The Middle Point Cottage at Saint Michaels/Nicholas Einbender and Spencer Mickelson, ST-634-EIN, 6340 Middle Point Road, Neavitt, MD 21652, (Map 39, Grid 20, Parcel 181, Zoned Village Residential). Ms. Deflaux presented the staff report for the Short-Term Rental (STR) license application. Lauren Bennett/Resident Agent attended the meeting. Mr. Einbender was not able to attend the meeting due to a military assignment. Mr. Mickelson gave some history on the property, and their application. Mr. Mickelson stated he wants his renters to have a pleasant experience and to promote Talbot County for what its charming, homey and lovely character. Mr. Einbender and Mr. Mickelson have rented other properties in other areas.

The Board called for Public comment and Susan duPont spoke. Written comments were received by the Board from Ms. duPont.

Ms. Broll made a motion to approve the STR application for two bedrooms for 6340 Middle Point Road, with staff conditions, seconded by Mrs. Suss. The motion carried unanimously.

- **6.** Other Matters for Discussion Mr. Salinas talked about a student intern from Easton High School that will be working in the Department for the spring semester. The student will be designing a flyer or poster on how to be a good neighbor as his student project.
- **7. Adjournment -** The Chair called the meeting to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Read and approved by the Board on  $\frac{7}{2}$  |  $\frac{2020}{2020}$ .

Chairman